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SUBJECT: HAILE SELASSIE AND NIMEIRI TO VISIT POPE

DEPT PLEASE PASS USINT CAIRO

REF: KHARTOUM 2427

1. AMB LODGE'S OFFICE CHECKED NOON NOV 23 WITH RELIABLE VATICAN SOURCE ABOUT REPORTED HAILE SELASSIE-NIMEIRI VISIT TO POPE. SOURCE ASSURED US THAT THIS WAS FIRST NEWS VATICAN HAD RECEIVED ON SUBJECT, BUT SUGGESTED THAT MESSAGE MAY BE ON ITS WAY FROM ARCHBISHOP CALABRESE, APOSTOLIC DELEGATE IN KHARTOUM.

2. WE ALSO CHECKED WITH ETHIOPIAN AMB TO HOLY SEE, ATO ABATE AGEDE, WHO ALSO CLAIMED NO PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE OF MATTER. HE SAID HE KNEW THAT KING FEISAL GREATLY INTERESTED IN FUTURE OF JERU-
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SALEM, BUT HAD NOT BEEN INFORMED OF NIMEIRI VISIT TO EITHER ADDIS

ABABA OR RIYADH.

3. ABOVE TWO SOURCES AGREED THAT WE WOULD BE IN TOUCH SHOULD THERE BE ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS OR INFORMATION.

4. FONOFF SOURCE OBSERVED TO DCM DURING RECENT CONTACT THAT PROBLEM OF JERUSALEM WILL BE EXTREMELY DELICATE AND TENACIOUS AND THAT KING FEISAL IS RECOGNIZED IN MOSLEM WORLD AS PROTECTOR OF HOLY PLACES. SOURCE SUGGESTED THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO IDEA THAT POPE PAUL AND KING FEISAL COULD SOMEHOW BE MADE JOINTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR HOLY PLACES IN JERUSALEM.

5. ON NOV 23 RESPONSIBLE ITALIAN FORNMINISTRY OFFICIAL TOLD US THAT MINISTRY HAD NO RPT NO INFORMATION ON REPORTED HIM-NIMEIRI VISIT TO VATICAN. VOLPE

NOTE BY OCT: NOT PASSED CAIRO.

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